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SUBJECT: LIBERIA: GOL RECEIVES TSA REPORT ON AIRPORT SECURITY

11. (SBU) A/DCM and Econoff delivered TSA's report to Liberia Civil Aviation Authority (LCAA) Director General Rich Williams on June 8, just after the announcement that TSA had not approved Delta's planned service to Monrovia that had been scheduled to start June 9. Williams said he had advised both Delta and the Liberian Cabinet that a September 2009 was the earliest realistic start date for the Delta flight. He did not know why Delta had continued to promote the flight until the last minute. Post has since been contacted by Lockheed Martin regarding their plans to work with Liberia's airport. Lockheed was requesting details on the TSA report, and post referred them to TSA and LCAA.

12. (SBU) Williams said he very much appreciates TSA's assistance in helping LCAA move towards compliance with ICAO standards and looks forward to continuing to work with TSA ASSIST.

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